

## **Erie County Opiate Epidemic Task Force**

### **Work Group Monthly Report**

Work Group Name: Health Care Provider Education and Policy Reform

Work Group Leader: Dr Gale Burstein.

Work Group Chair: Dr Gale Burstein, and Dr Paul Updike.

Work Group Meeting Schedule: (E-C Fire Training Academy-dates/location subject to change).  
Conference call 4/26/17. Full Task Force meeting 5/1/17.

#### Summary of meetings/Activities:

- 3/31/17: Dr Burstein presented lecture @UB School of Nursing.
- Planning to reschedule 3/15/17 Pain Management workshop #6 (cancelled due to weather). Date/location to be determined.
- Dr Blondell presented a lecture on Medication Assisted Treatment 4/13/17 @ Save the Michaels of the World.
- Preparing for Pediatric Provider Buprenorphine waiver training 5/5/17 and Adolescent SBIRT Train the Trainers programs 5/6/17-5/7/17 by Boston Children's Hospital Faculty.
- Dr Burstein and Dr Lynch collaborating on Buprenorphine prescribing Emergency Room Pilot Project.
- Secured funding to develop PSA on opioid prevention. Organizing workgroup to develop messages.
- Working on project protocol with Dr. Noyes from UB School of Public Health and IHA to prevent opioid and benzodiazepine co-prescribing.
- Buprenorphine management will be capitated service which is huge financial disincentive. Will work with NYSDOH and MSSNY to address.
- Dr Burstein and Cheryl submitted OWH application for FOA to fund SBIRT implementation in OBGYN offices.

Support needed? Continue to communicate with all Task Force groups to re evaluate projects and support efforts as needed.